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POST AND TELEGRAPGH FACILITIES TO PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of village Panchayats in Jammu and Kashmir where Post and Telegraph facilities are not available, district-wise;

(b) the number of Panchayats in which communication services or Telegraph Offices opened by the Government during the last two years; and

(c) the time bound programme prepared by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR.SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) All the villages in Jammu & Kashmir are provided with basic postal facilities of sale of postage stamps and stationery, collection and delivery of mails. The district-wise number of Gram Panchayat villages in Jammu & Kashmir where Telegraphs facilities are not available are given in Annexure-I;

(b) The number of Post Offices and Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras (PSSKs) opened during the last two years are given ir Annexure-II. No telegraph office was opened during the last two years; and

(c) Expansion of Postal Network is a Plan Activity and opening of post offices depends upon fulfilment of prescribed norms and availability of requisite resources. During the year 2002-2003, a target for opening of 5 EDBOs and 10 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras in Jammu and Kashmir has been fixed. The opening of these post offices and PSSKs is subject to fulfilment of prescribed norms and availability of requisite resources. Telegraph facility is not being provided in view of no demand.

ANNEXURE - I

NUMBER OF GRAM PANCHAYATS WITHOUT TELEGRAPH FACILITY

S.No. Name of District Number of Gram Panchayats without telegraph facility

1. Anantnag 134

2. Baramulla 151

3. Budgam 102

4. Doda 127

5. Jammu 186
6. Kargil 33

7 Kathua 102

8. Kupwara 111

9. Leh 35
10. Poonch 46

11. Pulwama 124
12. Rajouri 66
13. Srinagar 22
14. Udhampur 102

Total 1341

ANNEXURE - II

NUMBER OF PANCHAYATS IN WHICH POST OFFICES AND PSSKs OPENED DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS

Category	2000-2001	2001-2002
Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices (EDBOs)	05	13
Departmental Sub Posts Offices (DSOs)	01	
Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras (PSSKs)	12	12